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**CORPORATE MEMBERS** This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **February** 12, 2014 at 12:00 noon. Our luncheon sponsor is Clark County Commissioner Steve Sisolak and our speaker will be Nevada Supreme Court Justice James Hardesty. Please read about his career inside this issue. This meeting will be held at the Clark County Library located at 1401 E Flamingo Road.

> Our March meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Our lunch sponsors and quest speakers will be Montara Meadows and Joe Lombardo, candidate for Sheriff.

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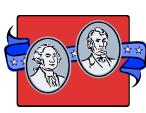
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"I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts. " President Lincoln

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### FEBRUARY 2014



Justice James W. Hardesty was born and raised in Reno, Nevada. He has been married for 42 years to his wife, Sandy, and together they have two children and five grandchildren.

Justice Hardesty attended the University of Nevada, Reno where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting in May 1970. While attending the University of Nevada, Reno, he was elected President of the Student Body and was named outstanding senior graduate. After graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno, Justice Hardesty enrolled in the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law where he obtained his J.D. in May 1975.

Upon graduating from McGeorge School of Law, Justice Hardesty returned to the Reno/Sparks area and entered private practice as a sole practitioner. He remained in private practice from 1975 through 1998. He received the highest

rating of AV by Martindale-Hubbell, a nationally recognized publication of lawyer ratings.

In November 1998, Justice Hardesty was elected District Court Judge for the Second Judicial District Court of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada. He took the bench in January 1999 where he served through December 2004. In November 2001, while serving as a District Court Judge, he was elected by his fellow judges to serve as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court, a position to which he was reelected in November 2003. He received the highest ratings on judicial performance in the Second Judicial District Court by the Washoe County Bar Association. Chief Justice Hardesty also served as President of the Nevada District Judges Association in 2003

In November 2004, Justice Hardesty was elected a Supreme Court Justice for the Nevada Supreme Court. He was sworn in on January 3, 2005. Justice Hardesty served as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in 2009. In June 2013, Justice Hardesty was unanimously nominated by his colleagues for William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, a nomination that was supported by the Chief Judges for the Second and Eighth Judicial District Courts.

Justice Hardesty has been a guest lecturer on case management, settlement and evidence for the National Judicial College, State Bar of Nevada, Professional Education Systems, Inc., the Association of Defense Counsel and the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association. In addition, he has presented annual lectures to the Media Law students at the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno.

As a District Court Judge and as a Nevada Supreme Court Justice, he has served on various Supreme Court Commissions including: the Nevada Supreme Court Task Force to create a Business Court in Nevada; the Nevada Supreme Court Task Force studying the Multi-Jurisdictional Practice of Law; the Nevada Supreme Court Commission on Judicial Funding; and the Nevada Supreme Court Committee to Implement Recommendations of the Jury Improvement Commission. Justice Hardesty currently co-chairs the Nevada Supreme Court Bench-Bar Committee; the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission; and the Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform. He has also chaired and is currently the vice-chair of the Nevada Legislature's Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice. Justice Hardesty is a member of the Nevada State-Federal Judicial Council, and he chaired the Council from 2009 thru May 2011.

From 1978 through 1991, Justice Hardesty coached Bobby Sox Softball teams that included his daughters. In 1991, his team won the National Fast Pitch Championship. He is also active with the Foster Grandparents Program, served on the Nevada State Board of Education, and is Past President of the Rotary Club of Sparks.

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Seniors United was created as an inspirational medium for seniors. It's purpose is to educate, promote and protect the rights of seniors.

The needs of seniors differ from younger citizens. It is important to have an organization devoted to our place in the community and to promote it's continued growth.

The members of Seniors United want to share experiences with others. Nonpartisan and nonsectarian, we are very actively involved in the political structure of our state and country. Forums are varied to benefit the needs of the community and to discuss political issues.

Guest speakers come from all areas.

It is with pride that we are seniors and are doubly proud to be members of Seniors United. The pride continues in our many accomplishments and in the good name we have established in the community. Our goal is to develop plans for a great tomorrow and to make it happen.

Everyone is welcome, young to old and from every walk of life.

### **ELECTION DATES**

Federal/State Elections are in even-numbered years. Below are specific dates for this years elections:

January 18 - March 14, 2014—Pre-registration for non-judicial candidates running for office in Clark County in 2014.

March 3-14, 2014—Period for non-judicial candidates to file for office.

March 25, 2014—Last day to withdraw or rescind withdrawal of candidacy for non-judicial candidacy.

May 10, 2014—Last day to register to vote or update your existing registration without having to appear in person or registering through the Secretary of State's Internet site.

May 11—20, 2014 - In-Office or through Secretary of State internet site registration only.

May 24 - June 6, 2014 - Early voting within the County.

June 3, 2014—Mail/Absentee Ballot request deadline.

June 10, 2014—Primary Election Day

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